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1. SOUTHERN AFRICA: LEE THORNTON AND BERNARD KALB, CBS TV MORNING NEWS. "THORNTON: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER LEAVES TODAY FOR A SERIES OF TALKS WHICH HE HOPES WILL BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. AN AMERICAN AND BRITISH PLAN, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE UP TO DOLS 2 BILLION IN FINANCIAL GUARANTEES TO RHODESIA'S WHITE SETTLERS REPORTEDLY WILL BE DISCUSSED WHEN KISSINGER MEETS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER ON SATURDAY. THE KISSINGER TRIP INDICATES THE NEW EMPHASIS ON AFRICA IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. 'BERNARD KALB POINTS OUT' THAT THE AFRICAN EMPHASIS BEGAN WITH THE WAR IN ANGOLA.

KALB: THE SOVIET AND CUBAN VICTORY IN ANGOLA ESCALATED AFRICA INTO AN AMERICAN PRIORITY, AND THE SPECTRE OF MORE SOVIET-CUBAN ANGOLAS IS A PRIMARY REASON FOR KISSINGER'S LATEST DIPLOMATIC MISSION OVERSEAS. KISSINGER IS HOPING

THAT THE TOOLS OF DIPLOMACY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN ENDING THE SPREADING OF RACIAL VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND WITH IT, THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT. AND, WHAT KISSINGER IS TRYING TO DO IS FIND THE FORMULA THAT WOULD MOVE RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA TOWARD BLACK MAJORITY RULE WITH CERTAIN ASSURANCES FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE WHITE MINORITIES. KISSINGER WILL BE MEETING THIS WEEKEND IN ZURICH WITH

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KISSINGER FEELS THAT SOUTH AFRICA, FOR ITS OWN REASONS, IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES, KISSINGER WILL THEN FLY ON TO AFRICA. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE KISSINGER EFFORT WILL SUCCEED, BUT KISSINGER FEELS THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN DO NO LESS THAN TRY.

THERE'S ALSO SOME DOMESTIC FALLOUT INVOLVED IN THIS TRIP. IT SEEMS TO PROJECT AN IMAGE OF AN ENERGETIC FOREIGN POLICY WHICH CAN BE ADVERTISED BY PRESIDENT FORD IN HIS PURSUIT OF VOTES. (STATE DEPARTMENT)."

ARMS SALES: LEE THORNTON AND MARVIN KALB, CBS-TV MORNING NEWS: THORNTON: "A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED DOLS 3.8 BILLION SALE OF F-16 JETS TO IRAN. THE HEARINGS ARE TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 16. IRAN IS THE LARGEST BUYER IN A NEW DOLS 6 BILLION ARMS PROPOSAL. 'MARVIN KALB HAS MORE.' KALB: "THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOW ASKING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR A DOLS 6 BILLION ARMS SALE, MOST OF IT FOR IRAN. IF THERE'S EVER BEEN A LARGER SINGLE REQUEST, NO ONE CAN REMEMBER IT. IRONICALLY, THIS COMES AFTER A MAJOR CHANGE IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE TO SIMILAR REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE. UP TO THIS POINT, THE PENTAGON HAD THE CONTROLLING VOICE IN DETERMINING THE SIZE AND SPEED OF ARMS DELIVERIES. NOW, UNDER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DIRECTION, THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAS SET UP A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ALL PLANS FOR LARGE-SCALE ARMS SHIPMENTS. OF THE DOLS 6 MILLION (SIC) UNDER REVIEW, DOLS 4.4 BILLION IS EARMARKED FOR IRAN, A HALF BILLION FOR SAUDI ARABIA, AND MUCH LOWER ALLOCATIONS FOR NINE OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ISRAEL. IRAN WANTS TO BUY HELICOPTERS, MISSILES AND 160 F-16 JET FIGHTER PLANES. SAUDI ARABIA WANTS, AND WILL GET, 850 SIDEWINDER AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES, AND 650 MARVERICKS, SO-CALLED TV GUIDES MISSILES.

OF DEEP CONCERN AMONG SOME HIGH OFFICIALS HERE IS WHETHER THE UNITED STATES IS CONTRIBUTING TO AN UNCONTROLLED ARMS RACE IN THE OIL-RICH AREA OF THE PERSIAN GULF. (STATE DEPARTMENT).

NEWSPAPERS

1. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR (HARSCH): KISSINGER WORKING ON DIPLOMATIC TRIPLE PLAY. AGREEMENTS COULD HELP FORD ELECTION CAMPAIGN. "THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES MUST NOW BRACE ITSELF FOR A TRIPLE SHOCK IN THE FOREIGN POLICY AREA WHICH COULD EVEN BE DECISIVE IN THE NOVEMBER 2 ELECTIONS IF THE MARGIN BETWEEN THE PARTIES BY THAT TIME IS NARROW.

REPUBLICAN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER IS REACHING RIGHT NOW NOT FOR ONE, BUT FOR THREE DIPLOMATIC

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ACHIEVEMENTS EACH ONE OF WHICH WOULD IN ITSELF BE A
DRAMATIC AND A NET POLITICAL ASSET TO HIS SPONSOR AND
POLITICAL LEADER, PRESIDENT FORD. HIS TARGETS ARE:

(1) A SALT II AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS WHICH WOULD
RESTRICT THE RANGE AND COST OF THE RACE IN THE SECOND
GENERATION OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

(2) AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE POLITICAL FORCES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA UNDER WHICH SOUTH AFRICA WOULD SPEED UP THE PACE OF
INDEPENDENCE FOR THE BLACKS OF NAMIBIA (SOUTH-WEST AFRICA)
AND THE REOPENING OF THE POSSIBILITY FOR A PEACEFUL TRAN-
SITION FROM WHITE TO BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA.

(3) A VISIBLE AND POSSIBLY EVEN CONTRACTUAL CHANGE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST AND ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS TO BE IN A STATE OF
MUTUAL TOLERANCE IN PLACE OF THEIR PRESENT STATE OF
DECLARED MUTUAL HOSTILITY.

ALL OF THESE THREE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE WORLD SCENE ARE
SUDDENLY POSSIBLE. ALL THREE ARE IN DR. K'S SIGHTS. ALL
THREE ARE PROBABLY PROGRESSING FASTER THAN IS YET VISIBLE.
DR. KISSINGER LEARNED DURING HIS VIETNAM PERIOD THE DANGER

OF CLAIMING ANY DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS PREMATURELY. HE CLAIMED
PEACE IN VIETNAM, AND THEN WENT BACK TO BOMBING. IT
DAMAGED HIS CREDIBILITY. THIS TIME HE IS HOLDING BACK ON
THE CLAIMS. TIME ENOUGH TO CROW, IF HE GETS ANY OR ALL OF
HIS THREE TROPHIES.

FOR THE DEMOCRATS THIS POSES A PROBLEM. ALL THREE POSSIBLE
KISSINGER SUCCESSES WOULD BE GENERALLY REGARDED IN THE
AMERICAN POLITICAL COMMUNITY AS BEING 'GOOD.' AND THE
SECRETARY STATE OF ANY PARTY IN OFFICE AT THIS TIME WOULD
WANT TO GET ALL THREE.

AS FOR THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS ON EACH OF THE THREE
ISSUES.

PROBABLY THEY ARE BEST FOR A SALT II. AFTER ALL, GROUND
WORK HAS BEEN GOING ON EVERY SINCE SALT I WAS RATIFIED IN
AUGUST, 1972 - FOUR YEARS AGO. LATEST NEWS IN THIS AREA
IS OF AN AMERICAN CLAIM OF A NEW SOVIET DEPLOYMENT OF
MEDIUM-RANGE 'MIRVED' MISSILES IN EASTERN EUROPE WHICH
U.S. NEGOTIATORS HAVE LABELED 'A MASSIVE, UNWARRANTED,
AND UNEXPLAINED EXPANSION' OF SOVIET STRATEGIC-WEAPONRY.

IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR BOTH THE SOVIETS AND U.S. TO DEPLOY,
OR APPEAR TO BE ABOUT TO DEPLOY, SOME NEW WEAPON IN
ADVANCE OF A DECISIVE NEGOTIATION FOR THE SAKE OF INCREASED
BARGINING POWER. THE MORE EACH COMPLAINS ABOUT THE OTHER'S
LATESTS DE
PROBABLY IS

SOUTHERN AFRICA IS PROBABLY THE NEXT MOST PROMISING SUBJECT FOR IMPROVEMENT. EVERYONE INVOLVED IS STILL BRUISED FROM THE MISHANDLING OF THE ANGOLA AFFAIR. THE MEMORY LINGERS OF THE WHITES FAILING TO FACE IMPENDING FACTS IN TIME AND OF THEM TRYING TO AVERT THE INEVITABLE WITH TOO LITTLE, AND TOO LATE.

DR. KISSINGER'S IMMEDIATE TASK IS TO PERSUADE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THAT HE SHOULD SPEED AND IMPROVE HIS OFFER OF MAJORITY SELF-RULE IN NAMIBIA TO THE POINT WHERE THE MAJOR BLACK AFRICAN STATES TO THE NORTH COULD WITH GOOD CONSCIENCE APPROVE AND PERHAPS EVEN APPLAUD. THAT WOULD DEFUSE THE AFRICAN BLOC IN THE UN AND HEAD OFF ANY IMMEDIATE CRISIS. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH PROGRESS MIGHT THEN BE MADE OVER RHODESIA.

THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE LEAST PROMISING AND MOST DIFFICULT OF THREE PROBLEMS. A SUCCESS THERE WOULD BE THE - BRIGHTEST JEWEL IN DR. KISSINGER'S CROWN OF ACHIEVEMENTS. BUT ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITY IS SO DEEP-SEATED, SO HABITUAL IN BOTH COMMUNITIES THAT FEW DIPLOMATS REALLY THINK ANY DECISIVE IMPROVEMENT IS POSSIBLE NOW. YET THERE IS REMARKABLE CHANGE IN RECENT DAYS. ISRAEL'S FRONTIERS ARE LESS BRISTLY, MORE OPEN TO ARABS RIGHT NOW THAN EVER BEFORE. PROMINENT ISRAELIS HAVE CONCEDED THAT EGYPT PROBABLY REALLY DOES PREFER PEACE TO WAR. ISRAEL AND SYRIA ARE IN TACIT AGREEMENT WITH EACH OTHER TO AVOID ANY CLASHES - AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT. THE ATMOSPHERE IS DIFFERENT. SOMETHING COULD HAPPEN - AND OF A PEACEFUL NATURE. "

2. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR: VORSTER AND THE ZURICH TALKS. "SOUTH AFRICA'S WHITE GOVERNMENT IS NOT INCLINED TO ACCEPT VERBAL CRITICISM FROM OUTSIDERS. THUS IT WAS NO SURPRISE THAT PRIME MINISTER VORSTER DID NOT LET U.S.

SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL POLICY PASS UNCHALLENGED. HANDS OFF, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IN EFFECT, WE RUN OUR OWN COUNTRY WITHOUT ACCEPTING MORALIZING OR THREATS FROM ANYONE-

MR. VORSTER, BESET BY PERSISTENT BLACK AFRICAN RIOTING AT HOME, THUS SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION ON THE EVE OF CONSULTATIONS WITH DR. KISSINGER IN ZURICH. IT WILL BE HARD ENOUGH FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO GET CONCESSIONS ON, SAY NAMIBIA (SOUTH-WEST AFRICA-- PROVIDED OF COURSE THAT HE HIMSELF WANTS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS - WITHOUT LEAVING THE IMPLICATION THAT HE HAS BUCKLED UNDER OUTSIDE PRESSURE.

AGAINST THIS BACKDROP, THE OMINOUS CLASH BETWEEN POLICE AND 1,000 COLORED (MIXED RACE) DEMONSTRATORS AT DOWNTOWN CAPETOWN IS YET ANOTHER VEXING HOME-FRONT CONCERN FOR

MR. VORSTER TO CONSIDER. THIS MARKED THE FIRST TIME A MAJOR RACIAL DISTURBANCE HAD OCCURRED IN A WHITE AREA. SIGNIFICANTLY, THE COLORED DEMONSTRATORS WERE MARCHING TO SHOW THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATION'S OVERWHELMING BLACK AFRICAN MAJORITY. THE INCIDENT, WHICH WAS CERTAIN TO DISTURB THOSE WHITES ALREADY DEEPLY CONCERNED AT THE PROSPECT OF FURTHER BLACK VIOLENCE, HINTED HOW CLOSE TO THE SURFACE A MAJOR RACIAL OUTBURST COULD BE.

SUCH UNREST HOWEVER MIGHT ONLY CAUSE MR. VORSTER AND HIS WHITE CO-LEAGUES TO DIG IN THEIR HEELS WITH ALARM, RATHER THAN PROVIDING AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO NEGOTIATIONS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER IS WELL AWARE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IF HE IS PERSUADED TO EXERT PRESSURE ON RHODESIA TO ACCEPT EARLY BLACK MAJORITY RULE, AS THE U.S. AND BRITAIN WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM DO, THIS COULD ACCELERATE DEMANDS FOR A SIMILAR MOVE IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF.

ONE WELCOME CONCILIATORY MOVE BY MR. VORSTER, MEANWHILE, IS HIS AGREEMENT TO MEET WITH BLACK LEADERS OF THE NINE AFRICAN HOMELANDS NEXT MONTH FOR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT BLACK UNREST.

THE KISSINGER CRITICISMS AND SOUTH AFRICAN INTERNAL DISTURBANCES MAY INHIBIT THE ZURICH TALKS AT THE OUTSET.- BUT MR. VORSTER IS A REALIST, AND ADVANCE INDICATIONS WERE THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO MAKE IMPORTANT MOVES TOWARD PEACE DURING HIS SECOND MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN SECRETARY. DISCUSSION OF HOW AND WHEN INDEPENDENCE FOR THE SOUTH

AFRICAN-CONTROLLED TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA SHALL BE ACHIEVED MAY PROVE TO BE THE MOST FRUITFUL TOPIC FOR THE TWO MEN."

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MARVIN KALB, CBS NEWS (EVENING REPORT): "IT IS NO MORE THAN COINCIDENCE BUT THE RIOTING HAS INCREASED KISSINGER'S DIPLOMATIC LEVERAGE BY UNDERSCORING VULNERABILITY OF THE WHITE SUPREMACY GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE URGENCY OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO HEAD OFF A RACE WAR IN ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE BLACK CAUCUS IN CONGRESS WHICH SUPPORTED THE SECRETARY HAS TURNED SOMEWHAT CRITICAL IN RECENT DAYS URGING KISSINGER TO PLACE PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON ENDING APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA RATHER THAN ON BRINGING BLACK RULE TO RHODESIA AND QUICK INDEPENDENCE TO THE SOUTHWEST AFRICAN TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA. BEFORE DEPARTING KISSINGER CHARACTERIZED THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE.

WE WILL MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT, AND WE HOPE THAT SOME PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST AND IN THE INTEREST OF WORLD PEACE.

THE SECRETARY HAS ONE CONTROVERSIAL IDEA FOR ACCELERATING BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA TO USE AMERICAN MONEY AS MUCH AS A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS IN AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO COMPENSATE THOSE WHITE RHODESIANS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SELL THEIR HOMES AND PROPERTY AND THEN LEAVE.

THIS MISSION IS REGARDED HERE AS A POLITICAL GAMBLE AS WELL AS A DIPLOMATIC ONE BECAUSE IT TAKES PLACE IN THE MIDST OF A PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN."

BARRY DUNSMORE (ABC NEWS) EVENING: "WHILE HENRY KISSINGER BOARDING A PLANE MAY BE ONE OF THE MORE COMMON PLACE SIGHTS OF OUR TIME THIS IS A TRIP OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. SOUTHERN AFRICA IS ALREADY BEGINNING A SLOW BOIL. A MASSIVE RACIAL WAR THERE IS A DEFINITE POSSIBILITY WHICH WOULD HAVE PROFOUND ECONOMIC POLITICAL AND HUMAN IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD. HOW THIS TRIP DEVELOPS DEPENDS FIRST OF ALL ON KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA, A COUNTRY WHICH ONLY THIS WEEK KISSINGER ONCE AGAIN DENOUNCED FOR ITS OWN INTERNAL RACIAL POLICIES.

SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL STRUCTURE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH ANY CONCEPT OF HUMAN DIGNITY.

JUST OVER TWO MONTHS AGO AS HE WILL AGAIN THIS WEEKEND KISSINGER MET WITH THE MAN WHO OVERSEES THAT INTERNAL STRUCTURE JOHN VORSTER. THE FIRST MEETING WAS NOT WITHOUT

POSITIVE RESULTS. KISSINGER INDICATED THIS IN PHILADELPHIA WHEN HE SAID SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN HELPFUL MEANING ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, AND SOME PROGRESS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SOUTHWEST AFRICA). HOWEVER, THIS TIME KISSINGER WILL WANT MORE HE'LL WANT AN EARLIER DATE FOR NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE AND MORE PRESSURE ON THE WHITE RHODESIANS TO ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE."

REUTERS (NO BYLINE) -- BUT DR. KISSINGER'S TOP AIDE, LAWRENCE EAGLEBURGER, TOLD REPORTERS ON BOARD DR. KISSINGER'S AIRCRAFT THAT BEFORE TRAVELING TO AFRICA FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE LEADERS, THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD WAIT FOR A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DAR ES SALAAM SUMMIT.

IT HAD BEEN PROPOSED THAT WILLIAM SCHAUFEELE, U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, FLY TO DAR ES SALAAM ON TUESDAY FOR CONSULTATIONS THAT WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER THE SUMMIT HAD ACHIEVED SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT TO JUSTIFY A MISSION BY DR. KISSINGER.

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THE CURRENT PLAN, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID, IS THAT DR. KISSINGER WOULD RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES NEXT TUESDAY TO AWAIT MR. SCHAUFLE'S REPORT BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO BEGIN A SHUTTLE IN AFRICA.

'THERE IS NO POINT IN COMMITTING AMERICAN PRESTIGE AND RUNNING AROUND AFRICA WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PARAMETERS ARE,' ONE OFFICIAL SAID.

THE OFFICIAL CAUTIONED THAT MR. NYERERE MIGHT REPORT THAT THE OUTLOOK FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WAS HOPELESS OR THAT ONLY LIMITED PROGRESS COULD BE ACHIEVED. ROBINSON

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